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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I think there...I think this issue has...was once upon a time, at least, put to bed and it was put to bed with a lot of discussion, a lot of compromise, and a lot of being willing to give along the way. And it seems to me that even since the original bill was passed, we've had multiple discussions on it, both in committees and on the floor of this Legislature. And some of those discussions have involved finding compromise in other ways. And I would say that it is too bad if we don't listen to the voices of those who originally passed the legislation, LB 425, and those who have offered amendments in the past which, incidentally, at one time nearly everybody supported. You know, there are some key issues here that I really think I want to bring our attention back to. I would argue that we should leave the original legislation alone, that the required notice that is being implemented now is short. It requires a single sheet of paper or less, and then notification is rarely, if ever, augmented by discussion or other use of class time. And according to the Legislature's own fiscal report, any cost savings resulting from the elimination of the school notice would be minimal. So in some respects, I don't even see why we are revisiting this issue. School notice is primarily the...is currently the primary source of information about parental notification and judicial waiver prerequisites for a minor's abortion. Eliminating school notice would leave teens uninformed about those prerequisites. LB 172 also means that pregnant teens, who already wait longer than pregnant adults to get medical attention, may be delaying even longer. Delaying medical care, as we all know, increases health risks whether the teen decides to continue the pregnancy or end it. So it is a...not a small matter for our consideration. The fourth and final point that I would like to make is that, without knowledge of the judicial waiver option, some vulnerable teens may take desperate measures. Studies repeatedly show that in states without parental notification laws, and there are states, I understand, without parental notification laws, a majority of teens voluntarily involve a parent in a decision to end an unwanted pregnancy. Those who do not, often have valid reasons. One-third of teens who do not tell their parents about a pregnancy have been the victim of family violence and fear it